Metalling of the Cutcherry road, Neyyattinkara.

54. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the metalling of the Cutcherry road, Neyyattinkara, was sanctioned by them, and, if so, the amount sanctioned for the purpose ; and

(*b*) whether subsequently they have withdrawn the sanction ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The metalling of the road has not been sanctioned.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know whether the P. W. D. have recommended the metalling of the said road ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The P. W. D. have stated that that road is necessary.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : But, have they recommended the metalling of that road ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : They have stated that it is a useful road.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Am I to understand that they have not recommended the metalling of the road ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes; they have recommended it.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know when that recommendation was made ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : On the 6th September 1929.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Have the Government passed final orders on it ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes ; Government are of opinion that the metalling of the road may be postponed for some time.

Scheme proposed by the Acting Director of Public Instruction for the reorganisation of the Education Department.

55. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the previous acting Director of Public Instruction has submitted to them any scheme for reorganising the inspectorial branches of the Vernacular and the English sections of the Education Department ; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will lay a copy of the same on the table?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No, as correspondence from Heads of Departments is confidential.

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MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): It is stated in the answer to part (*b*) that 'correspondence from Heads of Departments is confidential'. Am I to understand that schemes for the reorganisation of Departments, and correspondence relating to such schemes, are confidential and cannot therefore be placed on the table?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; they cannot be placed on the table before Government have considered them.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): So, it is only after the Government have considered these schemes that they could be placed on the table?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, surely.

Work of the Irrigation Committee.

56. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Irrigation Committee appointed by them has submitted its report;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, when the report is expected to be ready;

(*c*) how many meetings the Committee has already held; and

(*d*) what work the Committee is now (18-4-1106) engaged in?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) By the end of Minam 1106.

(*c*) Six meetings till 18-4-1106.

(*d*) The Committee is now engaged in collecting the necessary evidence to enable it to prepare its report for submission to Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the kind of evidence that is now being collected by the Committee? Is it oral evidence, or statements in writing, or inspection by the Committee?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): They are taking oral evidence.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are they examining witnesses?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Provident fund for Vernacular School teachers.

57. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the representations made in the Legislative Council, regarding the introduction of Provident Fund for Vernacular School teachers, will the Government be pleased to state whether any action has been taken in the matter, and, if so, what?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; the matter is receiving the attention of the Director of Public Instruction.

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